



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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RE: MUR 5031 (Knox County Democratic Central Committee)

Dear Ms. Lentchner:

On June 22, 2000, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, the Knox County Democratic Central Committee ("the Committee") and Jeremy Karlin, as treasurer, and Janet Hill, as chairwoman, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

On January 12, 2004, the Commission determined to take no action against the Committee. The Commission further found no reason to believe that Janet Hill, as chairwoman of the Committee, violated any provision of the Act in this matter. Accordingly, the Commission closed the file as it pertains to the Committee and its officers.

The Commission admonishes the Committee that its actions appear to have violated the Act. Specifically, the Committee appears to have failed to register and report as a political committee, made unreported in-kind contributions to a federal candidate, and used prohibited funds in connection with federal elections. Your clients should take steps to ensure that these activities do not occur in the future.

The Commission also reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect, and that this matter is still open with respect to other respondents. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed, at which time you will be sent a copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report. If you have any questions, please contact Brant Levine, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1572.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H Norton
General Counsel

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rhonda J. Vosdinger".

BY: Rhonda J. Vosdinger
Associate General Counsel
for Enforcement

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